

**WE CLAIM**

1. A compacted composition comprising alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide.
- 5 2. A compacted composition comprising alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide, where said composition is in the form of a briquette.
3. A process comprising compacting a mixture that comprises alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide, to form a compacted composition.
- 10 4. A process comprising compacting a mixture that comprises alpha-cellulose, water, and a pesticide, to form a compacted composition, where said compacted composition is in the form of a briquette.
- 15 5. A process comprising applying any of the compositions according to claims 1-2 to the locus of a pest in an amount effective to lower the number of such pests in such locus.